

CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A securing device for securing a sewer drain line for a recreational vehicle in a sewer inlet, said securing device comprising:

- a) a hold-down member that passes over the top of the sewer drain line and applies a downward force to the sewer drain line;
- b) said hold-down member comprising a flexible strap having first and second ends that secure to the ground on opposing sides of said sewer inlet;
- c) ground penetrating members to secure said first and second ends of said flexible strap to the ground; and
- d) wherein said flexible strap includes at least two longitudinally spaced grommets in said first and second ends to receive said ground penetrating members.

2-4. (Cancelled).

5. (Previously presented) The securing device of claim 1 wherein said ground penetrating members comprise ground stakes adapted to pass through said grommets in said first and second ends of said flexible strap.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Previously presented) The securing device of claim 1 wherein said flexible strap is adjustable in length.

8. (Previously presented) The securing device of claim 1 further comprising a hold-down block interposed between said hold-down member and said sewer drain line.

9. (Original) The securing device of claim 8 wherein said hold-down block comprises a surface shaped to conform to said sewer drain line.

10. (Original) The securing device of claim 9 wherein said hold-down block further comprises a channel through which said flexible strap passes.

11. (Original) The securing device of claim 9 wherein said channel comprises a slot passing transversely through said hold-down block.

12. - 17. (Cancelled)

18. (Currently Amended) The securing device of claim ~~17~~ 8 wherein said hold-down block includes at least one opening through which said hold-down member extends.

19. (Currently Amended) A method of securing a sewer drain line for a recreational vehicle within a sewer inlet, said method comprising:

- a) passing a hold-down member over the top of said sewer drain line, said hold-down member comprising a flexible strap having opposing ends;
- b) securing said opposing ends of said hold-down member to the ground on opposing sides of said sewer inlet such that said hold-down member applies a downward securing force to said sewer drain line; and
- c) wherein said flexible strap includes at least two longitudinally spaced grommets at each said opposing end and is secured to the ground by ground stakes passing through said grommets.

20-22. (Cancelled).